
ADULT TRAUMA TRIAGE CRITERIA Age 15 and Older

Any trauma patient with one or more of the following conditions requires communication and expeditious packaging and transportation to the closest most appropriate Trauma Center: **Anytime an airway cannot be adequately secured. The patient should be transported to the closest appropriate receiving hospital for airway stabilization.** In San Bernardino County, a Trauma Base Hospital should be contacted for medical control and for destination decisions. In Inyo and Mono Counties, the assigned base hospital should be contacted.

PHYSIOLOGIC CRITERIA

1. GCS < 13
2. Systolic BP < 90mm Hg
3. Respiratory rate < 10 or > 29

ANATOMIC CRITERIA

1. Penetrating wounds to the head, neck, thorax, abdomen, pelvis, or extremities proximal to the elbow or knee including impaled objects
2. Chest injuries resulting in an unstable chest wall, flail chest or significant echymosis
3. Trauma resulting in paralysis, loss of sensation, or suspected spinal cord injury
4. Two or more proximal long bone fractures
5. Suspected pelvic fractures
6. Firm or rigid abdomen
7. Amputations
8. Isolated extremity fracture with suspected neurovascular compromise
9. Major tissue disruption
10. Traumatic burns (In San Bernardino County contact ARMC)
 - a. Partial thickness burns > 10% TBSA
 - b. Burns that involve the face, hands, feet, genitalia perineum or major joints
 - c. Third degree burn
 - d. Electrical burns, including lightning injury
 - e. Chemical burns
 - f. Inhalation burns

MECHANISM OF INJURY CRITERIA

1. Surviving victims of any vehicular accident in which fatalities occurred in the same passenger compartment
2. High energy event - risk of severe injury
3. Falls greater than twenty (20) feet
4. Auto-pedestrian / auto-bike > 5 mph impact or patient thrown or rider run over
5. Persons ejected from any motorized vehicle
6. Patients requiring extrication greater than 20 minutes

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

1. Any patient exhibiting one or more of the above criteria shall be called into a Trauma Center Base Hospital for medical oversight and consultation as to destination and treatment.
2. If there is a clear history of a loss of consciousness with long-term memory loss and/or vomiting and seizures and none of the above criteria are met, then contact a trauma base for physician consultation to determine appropriate patient destination.
3. Any geriatric or special needs patient who has suffered a major injury and/or where physical examination or assessment is difficult
4. If the patient is pregnant and none of the above criteria are met, then contact a trauma base for physician consultation to determine appropriate patient destination
5. In rural or wilderness areas with special circumstances, may, upon written permission from the EMS Medical Director, be exempted from specific criteria.

BURN CLASSIFICATION CHART**CLASSIFY:****MINOR**

Adult ~ 15% 2nd degree

Adult ~ 2% 3rd degree

MODERATE

Adult ~ 15-25% 2nd degree

Adult ~ <10% 3rd degree

MAJOR

Adult ~ 25% 2nd degree

Adult ~ >10% 3rd degree

All electrical burns

All inhalation injuries

All burns with other associating traumas

All high risk (old age or poor health)

All burns to face, genitals, palms, or soles of feet

